

A RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF URBANA  
TO EXECUTE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT FOR THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) has submitted a Comprehensive Plan for physical and management/operation needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is required to certify that said plan was developed in consultation with local government officials; that said plan is consistent with the municipality's Comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy in providing resident programs and services; that the HACC's proposed drug elimination activities are coordinated with and supportive of local drug elimination strategy and neighborhood improvement programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana supports modernization of public housing units but has serious concerns about the ability of the Housing Authority of Champaign County to manage its funds responsibly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Mayor of the City of Urbana is hereby authorized to execute the Local Government Statement Comprehensive Grant Program, a copy of which said statement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, subject to the concerns outlined in Section 2.

**Section 2.** The City of Urbana wishes to formally express the following concerns regarding the said plan, the HACC, and its operations:

- a. The HACC has failed to involve local government in the PHA-wide comprehensive planning process.
- b. The HACC has yet to demonstrate its ability to provide a safe, stable, and secure living environment for its residents by supplementing police activities with on-site HACC security.

- c. The HACC management has yet to demonstrate its capacity to implement the Comprehensive Grant Program based on its inability to commit all the funds from the first year of the plan.
- d. The HACC Board has yet to demonstrate long-range vision or leadership in meeting the needs of low-income residents of Urbana-Champaign as evidenced by:
  - 1. Its inability to separate and define board and staff authority.
  - 2. Its failure to hire key staff in a timely manner.
  - 3. The lack of municipal input on the Executive Director appointment.
  - 4. Its inability to conduct business on a regular basis due to lack of a quorum.
  - 5. The lack of internal management controls/accountability by the Champaign County Board, the HACC Board and its executive staff as evidenced by the recent HUD audit.
  - 6. Its failure to access and fully utilize additional Section 8 certificates, lunch program funding, homeless assistance, HOME tenant-based assistance, and other key programs and services that would have substantially benefitted the low-income residents of Urbana-Champaign.
- e. The HACC failed to utilize approximately \$500,000 of Transitional Self-Sufficiency Program funds, despite a commitment from the municipalities of Urbana and Champaign to provide \$75,000 of additional funding for administrative costs of the program. As a result, the HACC served only 22 households through the program which was sufficiently funded to serve 75 households.

**Section 3.** The City of Urbana wishes to formally express its willingness to provide technical support and assistance to the HACC in addressing these issues.

**Section 4.** The City Clerk of this municipality is authorized to forward a copy of this resolution outlining the

city's concerns regarding said plan directly to HACC; the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Champaign County Board; City Attorney, Urbana; City Attorney, Champaign; the Director of Community Development Services, Urbana; and the Neighborhood Services Director, Champaign;.

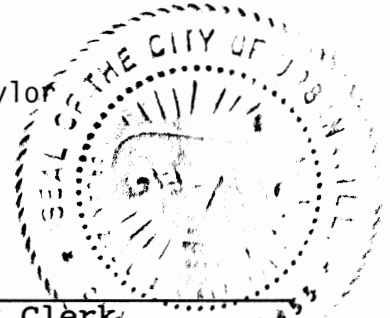
PASSED by the City Council this 5th day of July, 1994.

AYES: Hayes, Patt, Pollock, Ryan, Singer, Taylor

NAYS: Whelan

ABSTAINS:

*Phyllis D. Clark*  
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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk  
*by Sharon Manges, Deputy Clerk*



APPROVED by the Mayor this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1994.

*Tod Satterthwaite*  
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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor